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ALL-OUT DRIVE TO AUGMENT MACHINE PRODUCTIVITY

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Under the slogan, "Make Machines Work More," a new movement was initiated last January at the DIMAVAG (Diosgyori Magya: Allami Vas, Acel, es Gepgyar, Hungarian State Iron, Steel, and Machine Factories at Diosgyor). Inspired by the program of the president of the National Planning Office for increasing 1952 productivity, the movement consists of running machinery for three consecutive shifts, the target being 550 machine hours per month.

Today, 114 machines in the factory's railroad-trolley plant are operated on the three-shift basis; their working time has jumped from 350 to an average of 585 hours a month. Altogether, there has been an average monthly gain of 2,250 machine hours for the period from January, when only five machines participated, to April. The consequent production increase has made the proposed purchase of four new machines unnecessary.

To make the movement a success, the brigades reduced machine stoppages by ensuring punctual delivery of supplies and by servicing equipment on week ends. A practice was made of workers arriving at the plant dressed in work clothes, ready to take over 10 minutes before the shift change so machinery would not have to be stopped. Results have proved the feasibility and value of the new movement.(1)

MAVAG Workers Join Movement

Workers of MAVAG (Magyar Allami Vas, Acel es Gepgyar, Hungarian State Iron, Steel, and Machine Factories) have joined the "Make Machines Work More" movement originated by DIMAVAG. They pledged that machines which have hitherto run 400 hours a month will henceforth run 550 hours.

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Successful experimentation with accelerated machinery has resulted in a resolution by the Kispesti Textilgyar (Kispest Textile Mill) to join the movement. The mill has pledged to increase the speed of 832 power looms and 14,000 spindles, thus producing an additional 518,000 meters of cloth and 92,400 kilograms of yarn by December 1952.(2)

Movement Sweeps Industry

Numerous pledges to participate in the DIMAVAG movement are reported in the heavy and machine-building industries. Prominent among the latest pledges are: the steel rolling mills, machine tool factory, and railroad-trolley factory of the Rakosi Works (3); the Lang Gepgyar (Lang Machine Factory), EMAG (Elso Magyar Gazdasagi Gepgyar, First Hungarian Agricultural Machinery Works) (4); the Aprilis 4 Gepgyar (4 April - Machine Factory) (5); the Gyori Vagongyar (Gyor Railroad Car Factory), the Ganz Hajogyar (Ganz Shipyards) (6); the Ganz Vagongyar (Ganz Railroad Car Factory) (7); and the blast-furnace section of Ozd Kohasziati Uzemek (Ozd Metallurgical Works) (8).

The lumber industry enterprises have also voted unanimously to join the movement.(9)

Would Extend Movement to Metallurgical, Mining Industries

Although popular response to DIMAVAG's "Make Machines Work More" movement is gratifying in many respects, the movement can become a success only if all branches of industry participate. So far, chiefly the light and machine industry enterprises are represented to a satisfactory degree, whereas it is even more essential that the metallurgical, mining, communications, and building industries participate widely.

Pledges alone will not guarantee success; nor should the movement become a project of 2 or 3 month's duration. On the contrary, it must be a sustained, nationwide effort supported and promoted by all party organizations.(10)

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